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**Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 1, 2002**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on March 1, 2002.

In the Office Action, claims 1-60 were rejected. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are requested.

Independent claims 1, 17, 32, 46 and 55 and dependent claims 2-16, 18-31, 33-45, 46-54 and 56-60 were rejected under 35 U.S. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wong et al. (6,260,021). All pending claims are believed to be clearly patentable for the reasons summarized below.

### **Claim 1 and The Claims Depending Therefrom**

**Claim 1 recites:**